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Piped Water Supply to Rural Habitations
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural households and habitations along with their percentage covered under Piped Water Supply(PWS) in the country, State-wise;
(b) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised for PWS during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the funds likely to be spent to achieve the targets fixed in this regard, State-wise;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide PWS to all the rural habitations;
(d) whether the Government has undertaken review of the PWS in all the States and if so, the details of the outcome thereof, State-wise; and
(e) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame to provide PWS to all the rural population in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in pursuance thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

a) State-wise details of number of Rural Households and Habitations along with their percentage covered under Piped Water Supply(PWS) in the country; are at Annexure-'I'.

b) Under NRDWP funds are released to the States to supplement their efforts to provide drinking water to the rural population in the country. Though the Ministry encourages coverage of habitations with piped water supply it is for the States to decide with regard to the type of schemes to be undertaken. State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized under NRDWP during the last three years and the current financial year are at Annexure-'II'.

c) This Ministry has made a Strategic Plan for providing drinking water supply in rural areas of the Country. The emphasis is on providing drinking water supply through piped water supply. Under the Strategic Plan for rural drinking water supply for the period 2011-2022, the interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply. By 2022, the goal is to cover 90% of rural households with piped water supply.

d) Drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments with technical and financial assistance for provision of safe drinking water supply in the rural areas of the country under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). The State Governments are vested with powers to select, plan, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes under the NRDWP, to cover more or left out habitations with piped drinking water supply. The Ministry encourages the coverage of habitations with piped water supply and at present 52.95 percent of the rural population is covered with piped water supply either through stand post or through household tap connection.

e) As per this Ministry's Strategic Plan, the goal is to cover 90% of rural households with piped water supply. On 9/10.09.2016, a National workshop with the states was held followed by series of meeting to review the existing scenario of coverage of Piped Water Supply vis-Ã -vis the States strategy to achieve full coverage of Piped Water Supply to all habitations in rural areas as per Strategic Plan of this Ministry and the total requirement of funds to achieve the goal. The States were directed to upgrade ground water based schemes into surface water based schemes and to integrate existing system like reservoirs / trunk main / distribution pipe lines in surface based group water supply schemes, wherever possible.